(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) steps being taken to improve the balance of trade with ASEAN?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir, ASEAN has not slapped steep import tariff on India. Import duty being charged by ASEAN countries from India is the same as is being charged by them from other WTO member countries except from those with whom they have a preferential trade agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Promotion of bilateral trade is an ongoing and continuous effort of the Government. Trade promotion measures like participation in trade fairs, organizing buyer-seller meet etc. are being undertaken. Exporters are also being sensitized to the business opportunities in ASEAN countries. A comprehensive economic cooperation agreement with ASEAN is also under negotiation to provide greater 3ket access to our goods and services.

Threats of terrorist attacks on tourist destinations

*312. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to threat of terrorist attacks on popular tourist destinations and resorts in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure security of such resorts to ensure safety of the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been no specific reports of threat of terrorist attacks on popular tourist destinations and resorts in the country.

However, the State Governments/UT Administrations are sensitized from time to time about threats from terrorist groups for appropriate action.